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MULTIPLE CONSTANT BIT RATE DATA**THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs as rewritten below:

For the paragraph beginning page 4, line 12:

FIG. 1 depicts a high level block diagram of a video server system 100 for storing and retrieving data. The system 100 of FIG. 1 finds great utility in, e.g., a video of demand (VOD) system, as described in U.S. Patent No. 6,253,375, issued June 26, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference. The system 100 comprises a server 102 and an array of storage disks 104₁, 104₂ ... 104_n, where n is an integer equal to the number of storage disks in an array used to store and retrieve data. The server 102 comprises an access controller 108, a data buffer 110, and a multiplexer (MUX) 112. Other components and features of the system 100 not essential to the invention are not discussed herein.